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Protection of forests from denudation.

226 *Q.*—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state what steps the Government have taken or propose to take to protect forests from large-scale denudation?

A.—The protective staff of the Forest department, i.e., the Foresters, Forest Guards and watchers patrol the forests to detect illicit fellings and book the offenders. Timber Transit Rules are in force in many districts to check the timber in transit. Such rules are also being introduced in areas where they do not exist at present.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

III.—PROPOSAL FOR NIGHT SITTING OF THE HOUSE.

SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—" Sir, I suggest that our Assembly may hold sittings in the nights also just like the House of Commons. I want to know the opinion of the Speaker and also the Government."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I cannot give a reply off-hand. I must consult the Leader of the House and the Leader of the Opposition on all these matters. The hon. Member wants the Assembly to sit from 8 p.m. till 11 p.m. or 12 midnight."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" For what purpose. Sir? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" He thinks that in a cool atmosphere we can discuss all these things."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Is it to transact the present business or any other business of the hon. Member? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" I shall consider the suggestion of the hon. Member Sri Vavilala Gopalakrishnaiah."

IV.—ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

(1) LOCK-OUT IN THE T.P.K. BEEDI FACTORY, BADAGARA.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri K. P. Gopalan has given notice of an adjournment motion. The motion reads as follows :—

' This Assembly stands adjourned to discuss an urgent matter of public importance, namely, the arrest and beating of workers who offered satyagraha in T.P.K. Beedi Factory, Badagara, on 19th July 1953 as a protest against the lock-out of the factory and the failure of the Government to take necessary action on this matter.'

The hon. Member has also given notice of a short-notice question. I have admitted that question. The answer to this question may come up to-morrow or later."